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SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCE  
FOR FAA AIRCRAFT USING US MILITARY FACILITIES IN SPAIN

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(232113Z) NOTAL; (C) USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE, 5 JAN  
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1. CONFIRMATION OF OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCE REQUESTED  
IN PARA 2 OF REF A WAS CONVEYED BY PHONE TO THE CREW OF  
PLANE IN ATHENS AND VISIT TO ROTA PROCEEDED WITHOUT  
DIFFICULTY.

2. WE NOTE THAT THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN THE USAF  
FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE FOR FAA AIRCRAFT ARE INCOMPLETE.  
THE GUIDE CORRECTLY SAYS: "FAA AIRCRAFT (ARE EXEMPT FROM  
CLEARANCE) WHEN FLYING IN SUPPORT OF US FACILITIES AT  
JOINT-USE BASES PROVIDED PRIOR NOTIFICATION IS MADE"  
(SPAIN, PARA A.2.E) AND "FAA AIRCRAFT USING JOINT-USE  
BASES MUST SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO JACCC 12 HOURS PRIOR TO  
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EACH MISSION" (PARA C.7). THE REQUIRED CONTENT OF THIS  
NOTICE IS LISTED IN PARA D.1.

3. THE GUIDE DOES NOT REFLECT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS  
ESTABLISHED IN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SPANISH FOR THE  
USE OF AIRFIELDS AT JOINT-USE FACILITIES (TORREJON,  
ZARAGOZA, MORON, ROTA) BY FAA AIRCRAFT WITHOUT FORMAL DIP-

LOMATIC CLEARANCE:

- THE AIRCRAFT MUST BE USG OWNED;
- ALL CREW AND ANY PASSENGERS MUST BE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND USG EMPLOYEES;
- THE FLIGHT MUST BE "IN SUPPORT OF US FACILITIES;" AND
- NOTIFICATION MUST BE FILED THROUGH THE JACCC AT LEAST 12 HOURS BEFORE THE MISSION.

4. THE GUIDE ALSO FAILS TO NOTE THAT, IN PRACTICE, THE SPANISH HAVE BEEN WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY FLIGHT BY FAA AIRCRAFT TO JOINT-USE BASES WHICH MEETS THE OTHER THREE OF THE FOUR CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE AS ONE BEING "IN SUPPORT OF US FACILITIES." AS A RESULT, FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR SUCH FLIGHTS PROVIDED A NOTICE IS FILED WITH THE JACCC.

5. A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE WILL BE SUBMITTED BY JUSMG-MAAG MADRID. STABLER

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